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SUBJECT: LIBYAN INTENTIONS TOWARD CHAD

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1. ELYSEE INTERNATIONAL STAFF SOURCE (PROTECT THROUGHOUT) TELLS US THAT THE FRENCH ARE AWARE OF LIBYAN TROOP CONCENTRATIONS (REFTEL A) AND OF WHAT SOURCE DESCRIBES AS "VERY SIGNIFICANT" LIBYAN RESUPPLY OPERATION OF THE FROLINAT FORCES. ELYSEE NOW ALSO HAS THE IMPRESSION THAT A SMALL NUMBER OF CUBAN ADVISERS AND SOME OTHER NATIONALS (UNSPECIFIED) HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH SOME OF THE MOST SOPHISTICATED MILITARY SYSTEMS IN CHAD IN RECENT WEEKS. NOT ONLY EGYPT, BUT THE SUDAN, NIGER AND MALLOUM HIMSELF HAVE, MOREOVER, WARNED GOF THAT THE CONDITIONAL FRENCH-LIBYAN AGREEMENT ON CHAD (REPORTED REFTEL B) WAS A LIBYAN TRAP.

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2. ELYSEE ADMITS THIS IS A POSSIBILITY, BUT HAS NOT YET CONCLUDED THAT QADHAFI HAS LOST INTEREST IN A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN CHAD. ELYSEE, SOURCE SAYS, REMAINS IMPRESSED BY FACT THAT JALLOUD NOT ONLY CAME TO PARIS AT HIS INITIATIVE BUT DID NOT BACK OUT DURING WHAT WERE AT TIMES VERY HARD NEGOTIATIONS HERE (REFTEL B). FURTHER-

MORE, LIBYANS MUST
KNOW THAT A MASSIVE LIBYAN INTERVENTION COULD CREATE AN
ENTIRELY NEW SITUATION WHICH MIGHT REQUIRE REACTIONS OF A QUITE DIFFERENT ORDER. FOR THE PRESENT,
ELYSEE IS THEREFORE MAINTAINING A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE.
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